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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Williamson (Reg. No. 33,628) on September 7, 2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 11, insert -- to be -- between "is" and "performed";

Claim 2, line 2, insert -- correction -- between "the" and "data";

Claim 9, line 2, "a plurality" should be -- the plurality --;

Claim 10, line 2, "a plurality" should be -- the plurality --;

Claim 12, line 4, "an image output" should be -- the image output --;

Claim 18, line 4, "an image output" should be -- the image output --;

Claim 38, line 11, insert -- to be -- between "is" and "performed";

Claim 39, line 10, insert -- to be -- between "is" and "performed";

Claim 40, line 1, insert -- computer readable medium -- between "A" and "memory"; and

Claim 40, line 11, insert -- to be -- between "is" and "performed".

Response to Amendment

3. Applicant's amendment was received on 6/9/05, and has been entered and made of record.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-5, 9-15, 18 and 38-40 are allowed. These claims will be renumbered as 1-16.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claims 1 and 38-40 define a copying machine having operation means for displaying a plurality of searched image output apparatuses and a state of each searched image output apparatuses, for inputting a user instruction according to the displayed states for selecting an image output apparatuses, for which calibration is to be performed, from the displayed plurality of image output apparatuses, and for displaying an output status of a predetermined test pattern of the selected image output apparatus. The claims distinguish over the prior art since the copying machine having the operation means is not taught/disclosed.

The most relevant prior art Toda (U.S. Patent No. 6,256,107) discloses operation means for displaying a plurality of searched image output apparatuses and a state of each searched image output apparatus, and for inputting a user instruction according to the displayed states for selecting an image output apparatus (col. 15, lines 53-67), for which printing of image data is performed, from the displayed plurality of image output

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apparatuses (col. 16, lines 18-25). However, Toda does not teach the applicant's claimed combination of the copying machine and the operation means for displaying an output status of a predetermined test pattern of the selected image output apparatus.

Many prior art references teach the concept of displaying the output status of print jobs of a printer. However, the references do not suggest operation means for displaying an output status of a predetermined test pattern of the selected image output apparatus, which the calibration is to be performed.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHAN S. PARK whose telephone number is (571) 272-7409. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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